

**Connecticut State Board of Accountancy
Meeting Minutes
November 1, 2018**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman John H Schuyler, CPA, at 10:00 A.M. in Hearing Room J, at 450 Columbus Boulevard, Hartford, Connecticut 06103

Board Members Present:	John H. Schuyler, Chairman	Certified Public Accountant
	Dannell R. Lyne <small>via phone</small>	Certified Public Accountant
	Marcia L. Marien <small>via phone</small>	Certified Public Accountant
	Peter J. Niedermeyer	Certified Public Accountant
	Timothy F. Egan	Certified Public Accountant
	Martha S. Triplett, Esq.	Public Member
	Mark Aronowitz	Public Member
	Karla H. Fox, Esq.	Public Member

Board Members Absent: None

Board Vacancies: Public Member

DCP Staff Present: Frank Virnelli, Manager
Cat Arsenault
Robin Washbond
Kellie Conover

Public Present: Bonnie Stewart, Executive Director, CT Society of CPAs
Olga Galkina

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MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Mr. Niedermeyer made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 6, 2018 Board meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Lyne. Ms. Fox and Ms. Triplett were not present for the vote. All remaining board members voted in favor.

COMMENTS OR CONCERNS OF ANY PERSON PRESENT TODAY

None

OLD BUSINESS

Regulations Update

Attorney Cat Arsenault reported that the proposed revisions were submitted to the Attorney General's Office for approval on October 11, 2018 and she expects the AG approval by November 12, 2018; from there it will move to Regulation Review.

Peer Review Contact

Chairman Schuyler asked if DCP had made contact with the AICPA regarding peer review. Attorney Virnelli answered that he and Attorney Arsenault now have access to the FSBA (Facilitated State Board Access). He said they have had training from the AICPA and will perform a review to make sure Connecticut firms were undergoing the required peer review. Mr. Lyne said that at the Annual Meeting, at the Northeast breakfast session, Cathy Allen said that they are still working on the peer review oversight committee issue.

NEW BUSINESS

DCP Case No. 2017-17 – Kenneth Colabella – Approval of Settlement

Ms. Fox made a motion to accept the settlement agreement as presented by DCP. The motion was seconded by Mr. Niedermeyer. All remaining board members voted in favor.

Continuous CPA Exam Testing

Attorney Frank Virnelli stated that currently NASBA, AICPA and Prometric are evaluating the possibility of moving to continuous CPA exam testing and he noted examples of changes that may have to take place in some states either by statutes or regulations: remove reference to specific testing periods from rules and/or statute; remove any language indicating that candidates cannot test during a dark month or period from rules and/or statute; remove any language prohibiting retaking a failed section in the same test window from rules and /or statute.

Attorney Virnelli said NASBA had requested completion of a survey to help them better understand the time that States will need to implement continuous testing and said he reviewed the survey with Chairman Schuyler before it was submitted to NASBA.

Mr. Lyne commented that he is on the CBT Administration Committee that is in support of moving to continuous testing, and said the problem is understanding whether the state's statutes and regulations can be changed and then how long it will take because in some states it can move through legislation and be changed in two to three months and other states can take up to two years.

Attorney Virnelli said his response to the survey question as to how long it would take to change a statute, was that it would probably be the 2020 legislative session, and the regulations could take up to two years because a new administration, AG and legislature could delay the process.

Board of Accountancy Handbook

Attorney Arsenault provided the current Board of Accountancy handbook for review by the Board. The Board decided that the handbook should be updated and placed online where it would be beneficial to new board members and the general public.

Commissions and Contingent Fee - Proposed Legislative Changes

Mr. Niedermeyer said that Connecticut is one of the few states whose statutes don't agree with the Uniform Accountancy Act regarding commissions and contingency fees, and the proposed legislation would have changed that. Chairman Schuyler asked what happened to the bill. Ms. Bonnie Stewart, Executive Director, CTCPA answered that there was a public hearing, but no vote. Chairman Schuyler asserted that the bill should get back in the system. Attorney Virnelli reminded the Board that DCP does not represent the Board at the legislature. Although he could see if this is legislation DCP would want to submit itself, it was too late in the process for DCP to submit it for the upcoming session. Ms. Stewart said as the proposed legislation would bring Connecticut in-line with the rest of the country, then the CTCPA and its contract lobbyist would work on it. Chairman Schuyler stated the Board had previously voted in favor of this, and Ms. Stewart said that would make a big difference to the legislature. Mr. Niedermeyer asserted that this change would put Connecticut on equal footing with other states.

NASBA Annual Meeting

Mr. Lyne attended NASBA's Annual Meeting, which was held October 28-31, 2018 in Scottsdale, Arizona. At today's meeting Mr. Lyne provided the Board with a comprehensive overview of the event.

Mr. Lyne stated that NASBA's theme for the event was called 'Building Trust' and the Keynote speaker on the first day of the event was Stephen Covey who spoke on 'The Speed of Trust' and describes how the lack of trust during the financial crisis was one of the biggest issues for people and discussed how to establish trust for all professionals. The Chair of NASBA, Theodore Long, focused on promises he wanted to implement: to

continue to implement rules and regulations that will benefit the profession'; for the UAA to continuously evolve for the profession; guarding against deregulation; keeping up with the emerging technology and the evolution of the profession.

Some other topics included: a PCAOB board member discussing: Driving Improvement in Audit Quality; Plans from the AICPA Chair, a Speaker from the Federal Trade Commission discussing competition in the marketplace and FTC policies; a discussion on the Uniform CPA Examination development: keeping up to date with the changes in the industry and working on updating the exam to change every six months; and a discussion on Cybersecurity challenges including a presenter from the FBI and the IRS.

2019 State Board of Accountancy Meeting Dates

January 8, March 5, May 7, July 9, September 5, November 5

Ms. Triplett made a motion to accept the 2019 meeting dates as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Aronowitz. All remaining board members voted in favor.

Ms. Marien left the meeting at 11:02 AM., and therefore was not present for the Enforcement case and CPE/Exam Extension Requests.

ENFORCEMENT

DCP Case No. 2018-8 – Charles R. Bogen, Jr.

Mr. Lyne made a motion to accept the recommendation of the Department to dismiss this case. The motion was seconded by Ms. Fox. Ms. Marien was not present for the vote. All remaining board members voted in favor.

CPE/EXAM EXTENSION REQUESTS

Mr. Niedermeyer made a motion to add the following CPE/Exam extension requests to the agenda for consideration: Patricia St. Louis and Adriana Adili. The motion was seconded by Mr. Egan. All remaining board members voted in favor.

Continuing Professional Education:

Jeffrey Peterson – Seeking CPE extension to June or September 2019 for good cause

Mr. Aronowitz made a motion to deny this request. The motion was seconded by Ms. Triplett. All remaining board members voted in favor.

Patricia St. Louis – Seeking one month CPE extension to November 30, 2018 for medical reason

Ms. Triplett made a motion to grant an extension. The motion was seconded by Mr. Egan. All remaining board members voted in favor.

Examination:

Olga Galkina – Seeking exam extension to December 31, 2017 for medical reason and good cause

Ms. Triplett made a motion to grant an extension. The motion was seconded by Mr. Egan. All remaining board members voted in favor.

Kelly Harper – Seeking exam extension to March 31, 2019 for medical reason

Mr. Aronowitz made a motion to grant an extension. The motion was seconded by Ms. Fox. All remaining board members voted in favor.

Andrew Sharnoff – Seeking exam extension to November 30, 2018 for medical reason

Mr. Egan made a motion to grant an extension. The motion was seconded by Mr. Aronowitz. All remaining board members voted in favor.

Jason Tellone – Seeking exam extension to November 30, 2018 for medical reason

Ms. Triplett made a motion to grant an extension. The motion was seconded by Ms. Fox. All remaining board members voted in favor.

Jill Todd – Seeking exam extension to February 28, 2019 for medical reason

Ms. Triplett made a motion to grant an extension. The motion was seconded by Ms. Fox. All remaining board members voted in favor.

Adrianna Adili – Seeking exam extension to January 31, 2019

Mr. Lyne made a motion to deny this request. The motion was seconded by Mr. Niedermeyer. All remaining board members voted in favor.

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None

ADJOURN

Mr. Niedermeyer made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:00 PM. The motion was seconded by Ms. Fox. All remaining board members voted in favor.

Next scheduled meeting: Tuesday, January 8, 2019, at 10:00 A.M., in Hearing Room J, 450 Columbus Blvd., Hartford.